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1. "OBSERVER" OF 7 OCTOBER CARRIED BRIEF ITEM, DATELINED WASHINGTON, ENTITLED "US ETHIOPIAN BASE TO CLOSE." ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, INFORMED AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE STATED THAT THE US WILL SHORTLY ANNOUNCE A DECISION TO PHASE OUT THE ETHIOPIAN COMMUNICATIONS BASE. "MANY OF THE SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC FUNCTIONS ONCE HANDLED AT...ASMARA ALREADY HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED EITHER TO SATELLITES OR THE REPLACEMENT FACILITY THAT OPENED IN MARCH ON...DIEGO GARCIA." THE REPORT GOES ON TO STATE THAT SOME 100 OF THE NEARLY 2000 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN NOW AT ASMARA ARE TO REMAIN ON BEYOND MID-1974, REPORTEDLY TO OPERATE A RELAY STATION ON THE WASHINGTON-MOSCOW "HOT LINE."

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2. LATEST ARAB-ISRAELI CLASH HAS DOMINATED MEDIA HERE

AND APPEARS TO HAVE DRAWN ATTENTION OF DEFENSE WRITERS
FROM KAGNEW-DIEGO OPERATION. FCO STILL CONSIDERS
HANDLING OF MATTER IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, AND HOPES MOVE
FORWARD SOONEST ALONG LINES OUTLINED PARA 3, REFTEL.

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